

I SHOULD MIND MY OWN BUSINESS.

NO, NO!

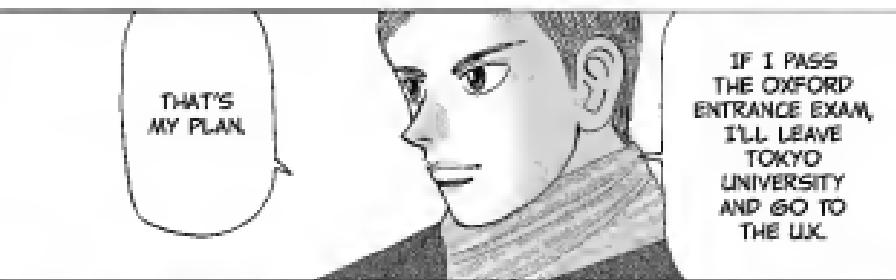
SORRY TO HAVE DISAPPOINTED YOU

OCTOBER NEXT YEAR? THAT'S A YEAR AND A HALF AWAY.

BY THE WAY, HOW DO YOU GET INTO A COLLEGE OVERSEAS?

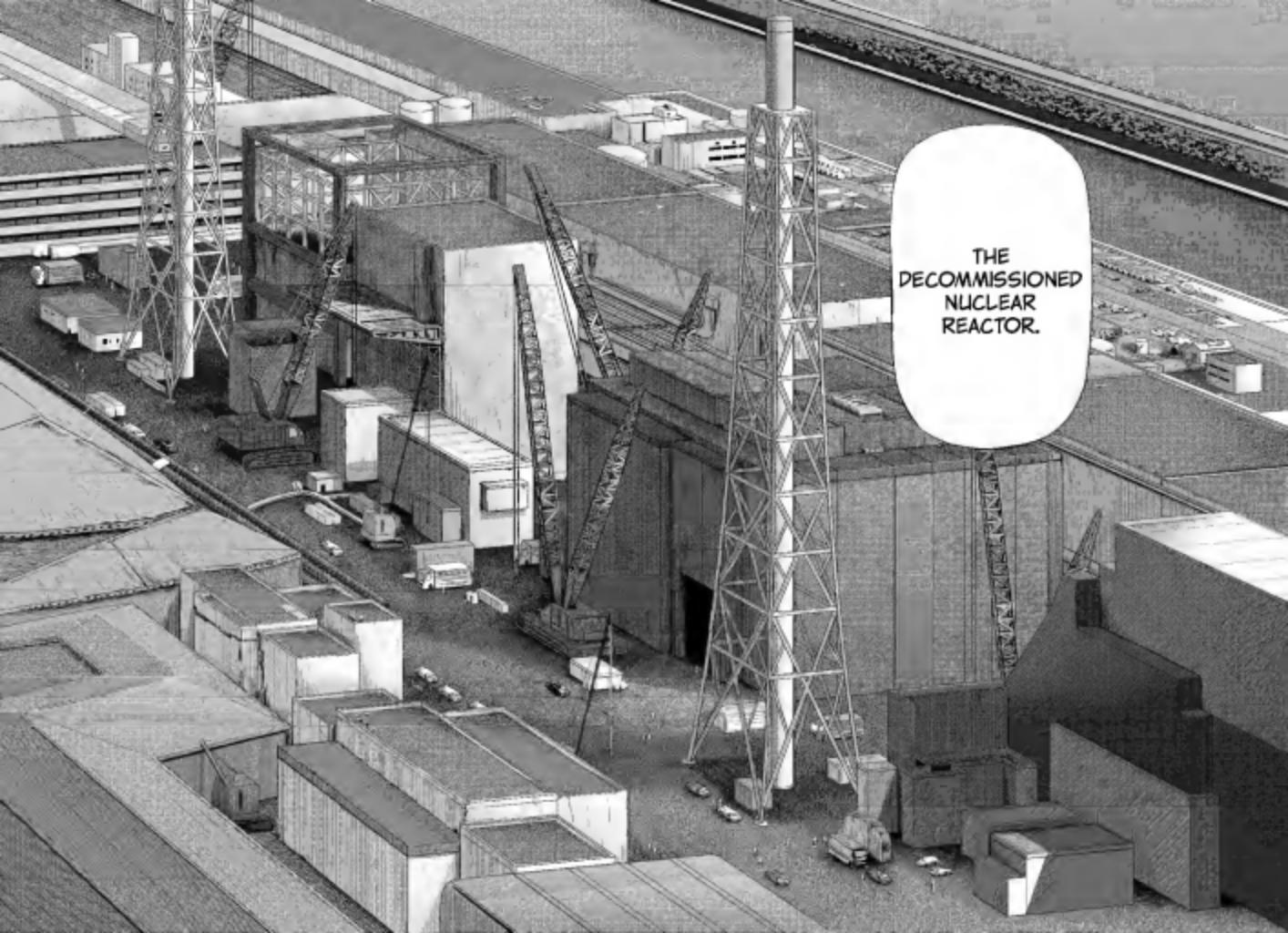
THEY START ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR. I'LL HAVE TO ALSO DO AN INTERVIEW AND SO ON, SO I WON'T BE ATTENDING TILL OCTOBER NEXT YEAR.

SO I'M GOING TO ATTEND TOKYO UNIVERSITY THIS YEAR, THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.









The image is a black and white aerial photograph of a decommissioned nuclear power plant. In the center-right, a tall, lattice-boom crane stands next to a large, dark rectangular building, which is the reactor building. To the left of the crane, there is a large, open area with several industrial structures, including a tall vertical pipe and some smaller buildings. A construction or demolition site is visible, with an excavator and other machinery. In the foreground, there are several shipping containers stacked together. A large, white, rounded speech bubble is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image, containing the following text.

THE  
DECOMMISSIONED  
NUCLEAR  
REACTOR.



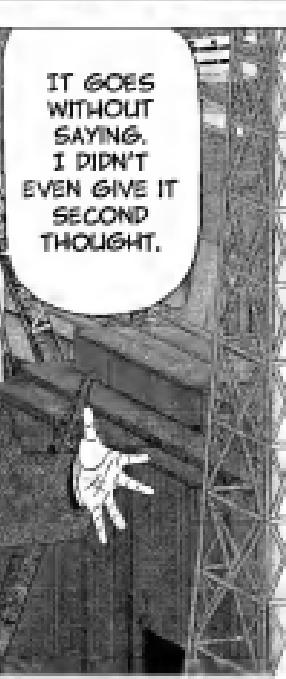
THAT'S  
RIGHT.



THE DECOM-  
MISSIONED  
NUCLEAR  
REACTOR?



THE BIGGEST  
PROBLEM  
JAPAN FACES  
TODAY IS HOW  
TO COMPLETE  
THE FUKUSHIMA  
NUCLEAR  
REACTOR AS  
FAST AS  
POSSIBLE.



IT GOES  
WITHOUT  
SAYING.  
I DIDN'T  
EVEN GIVE IT  
SECOND  
THOUGHT.



—THERE'S  
NO OTHER  
CHOICE  
FOR ME.

IF I'M  
GOING TO  
SOLVE MY  
COUNTRY'S  
PROBLEM...



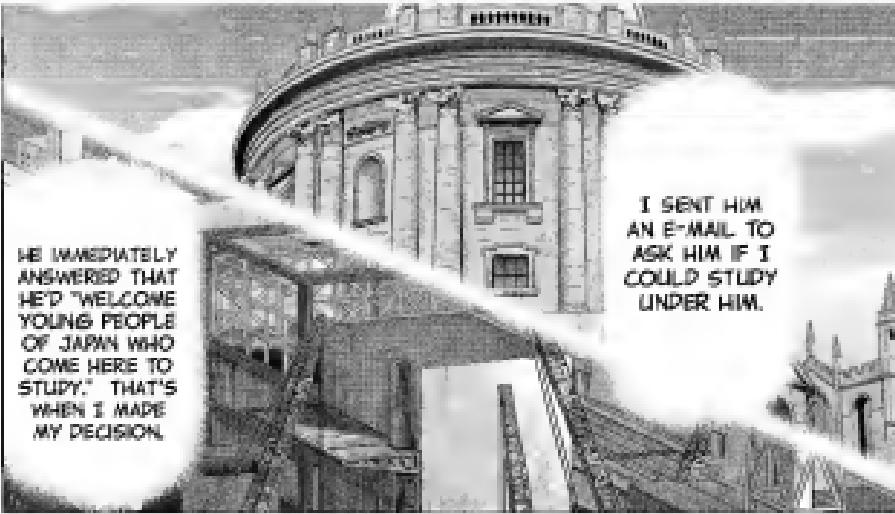
I'VE BEEN  
OBSERVING THE  
ACTIONS OF  
RESEARCHERS  
AROUND THE  
GLOBE.

I'VE BEEN  
STUDYING  
ARTICLES ON  
NUCLEAR  
POWER  
RESEARCH  
EVER SINCE  
THE FUKUSHIMA  
INCIDENT.



—I'VE REACHED  
THE CONCLUSION  
THAT A  
PARTICULARLY  
FAMOUS OXFORD  
PROFESSOR  
IS THE MOST  
TRUSTWORTHY  
RESEARCHER  
IN NUCLEAR  
PHYSICS.

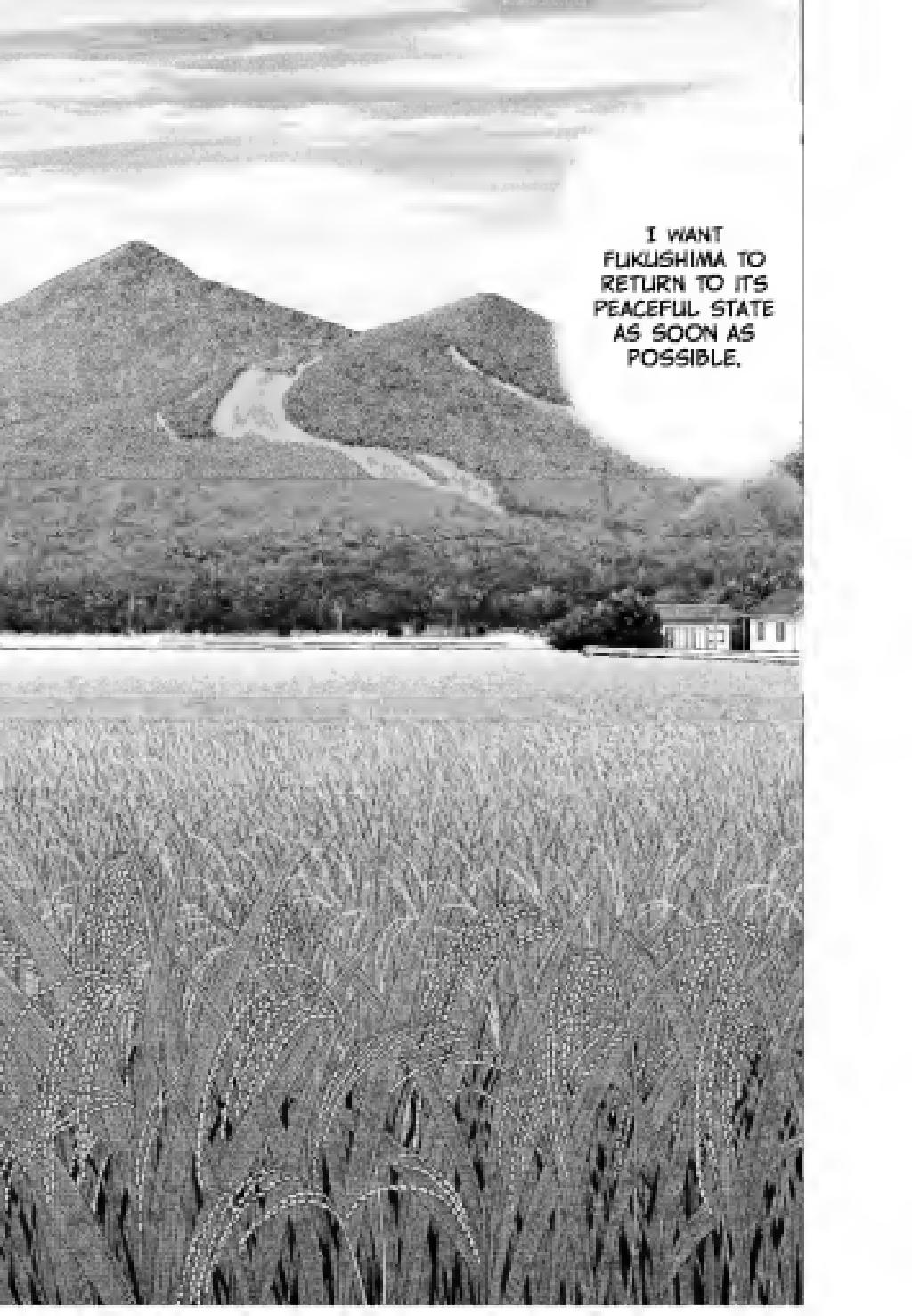
OUT OF  
SEVERAL  
AUTHORITIES  
ON THE  
SUBJECT OF  
NUCLEAR  
ENERGY...



HE IMMEDIATELY ANSWERED THAT HE'D "WELCOME YOUNG PEOPLE OF JAPAN WHO COME HERE TO STUDY." THAT'S WHEN I MADE MY DECISION.

I SENT HIM AN E-MAIL TO ASK HIM IF I COULD STUDY UNDER HIM.





I WANT  
FUKUSHIMA TO  
RETURN TO ITS  
PEACEFUL STATE  
AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.





\_THERE ARE  
PEOPLE WHO  
ARE FACING  
THE PROBLEM  
HEAD-ON.

BUT  
EVEN  
NOW...



I THINK  
THAT'S A  
NOBLE  
DECISION FOR  
SOMEONE  
WHO'S ONLY  
EIGHTEEN  
YEARS OLD.

YOU  
WANT TO  
JOIN  
THEIR  
FIGHT.



COME  
ON,  
LET'S  
GO.

I THINK  
YOU'RE  
AWE-  
SOME!



ONE MUST  
BEGIN BY  
TAKING  
STEPS  
TOWARD  
SOLVING  
PROBLEMS  
WE'RE ALL  
FACING.



I LEARNED  
A LOT BY  
TALKING TO  
HIM TODAY.





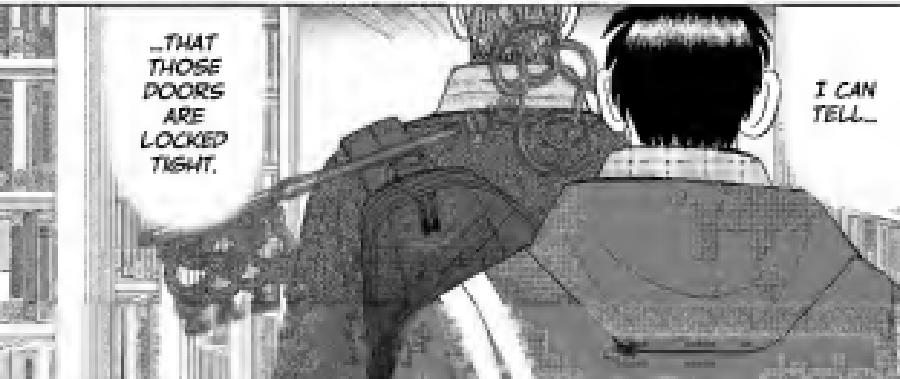
HE HASN'T  
SAID  
ANYTHING  
PERSONAL  
FOR THE  
WHOLE YEAR.  
I'D KNOWN  
HIM...



I FEEL  
LIKE HE  
HAS  
OPENED  
HIS  
HEART  
TO ME.

BUT  
TODAY  
FOR  
THE  
FIRST  
TIME...







MAH-JONG?



HEY  
I KNOW.  
MAH-JONG!



MY GOAL  
WAS TO  
BEAT YOU AT  
MAH-JONG  
BEFORE YOU  
GRADUATE.



DON'T BE  
RIDICULOUS.  
YOU  
COULDN'T  
BEAT ME IN  
A HUNDRED  
YEARS!



LET'S HAVE A  
MATCH AFTER  
THE EXAMS!  
I'LL BEAT  
YOU FOR  
SURE!